CASAS New Series Aligned to College and Career Readiness (CCRS) & English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS): Focus on Instruction

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AGENDA



- Overview of New Series
- Alignment to ELP Standards and CASAS Competencies
- Alignment to College and Career Readiness Standards
- Sample Test Items
- CASAS Website Resources
- Reflection/Questions

GOALS 2: An updated math assessment for ABE and ASE Learners



Greater Opportunities for Adult Learning Success

ABE Math Assessments - NRS Approved

Math GOALS

Math GOALS 2

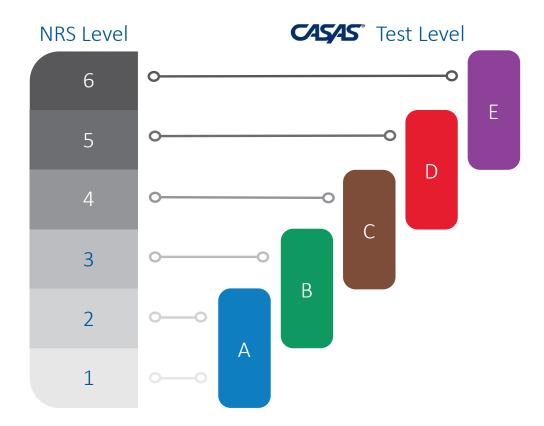
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Ready for use!

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Levels Breakdown



Math GOALS 2 Test Specifics

Correlates to the College and Career Readiness Standards and to the CASAS Competencies.

CASAS Level	Form Number	Number of Test Items	Test Time*	Scale score ranges**
Appraisal	919M	28	30 minutes	
Locator	920M	14	15 minutes	
A	Forms 921M - 922M	33	50 minutes	171 - 203
В	Forms 923M - 924M	36	65 minutes	193 - 213
С	Forms 925M - 926M	36	75 minutes	204 - 224
D	Forms 927M - 928M	36	75 minutes	214 - 235
E	Forms 929M - 930M	36	90 minutes	225 - 255

Math GOALS 2 FAQs

What if I pre-tested my students with Math GOALS? Can I post-test with GOALS 2?

No; pre-and post testing must always occur with in the same series for test reliability.

What does an asterisk (*) score mean?

This means that the student scored at the inaccurate range. It can't be reported to NRS, and the student should be tested in the next lower test form.

What if they get an asterisk score on Level A?

Place them in a low-level class for up to 12 hours of instruction before retesting.

What about a diamond (♦) scores?

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Are calculators allowed? How about scrap paper?

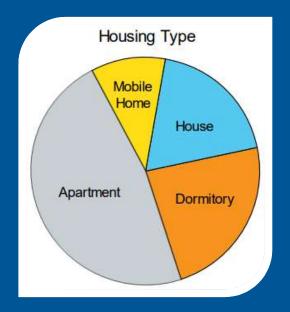
Yes, throughout the whole test! On-screen calculator, OR a scientific calculator provided by agency. Scrap paper is to be provided by the agency. Proctors, remember to collect it after testing!

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Content Standard Areas for Math GOALS 2

Content Area and CCRS Content Descriptions	CCRS Abbreviation	
Number Sense and Operations	Appreviation	
Number and Operations: Base Ten	NBT	
Number and Operations: Fractions	NOF	
Number System	NS	
12 (0) (3) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1	RPR	
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	RN	
Number and Quantity: The Real Number System	KIN	
Algebraic Thinking	OA	
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	EE	
Expressions and Equations	F	
Functions	10-543 EC-524	
Algebra: Arithmetic and Polynomials and Rational Exponents	A.APR	
Algebra: Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities	A.REI	
Algebra: Creating Equations	A.CED	
Functions: Interpreting Functions	F.IF	
Functions: Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Models	F.LE	
Geometry and Measurement		
Geometry	G	
Measurement and Data	MD	
Geometry: Congruence	G.CO	
Geometry: Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry	G.SRT	
Geometry: Geometric Measurement and Dimension	G.GMD	
Geometry: Modeling with Geometry	G.MG	
Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability		
Measurement and Data	MD	
Statistics and Probability	SP	
Statistics and Probability: Interpreting Categorical and Quantitative Data	S.ID	





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Content Standard Areas for Math GOALS 2

TASK AREAS:

0 - General

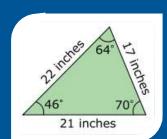
1 - Forms

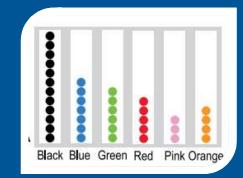
2 - Charts, Tables, Graphs

3 – Texts, emails, articles, narratives

4 – Signs, ads, and labels

5 – Diagrams and measurement scales







TOPSpro Enterprise Reports

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Reports Frequently-Used **TOPSpro** Reports

Score Reports

- Personal Score Report
- Next Assigned Test
- Test History
 - Student Test Summary
 - Test Score Overview
- Learning Gains

Skill Reports

- Indiv. Skills Profile
- Content Standard
- Competency Performance
- Task Area



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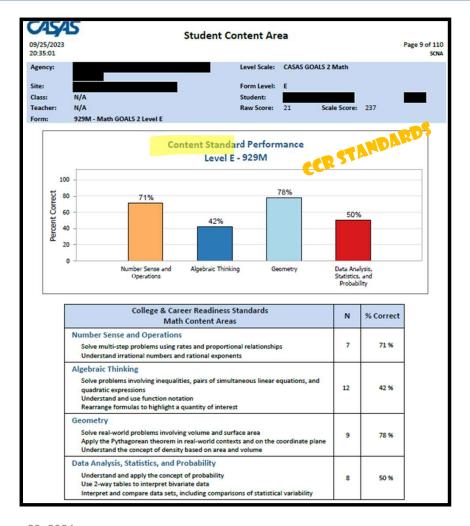


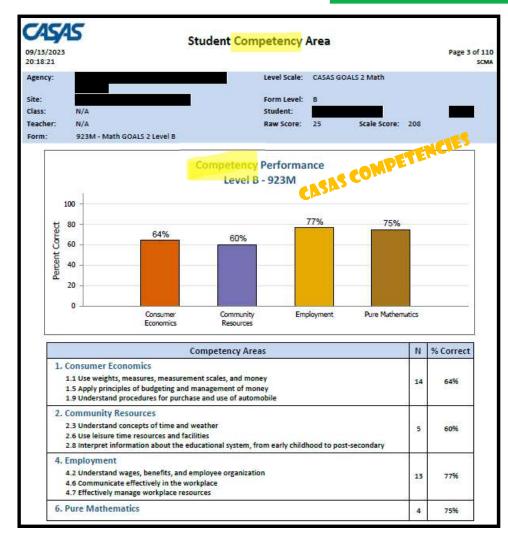
Using Reports to Inform Instruction

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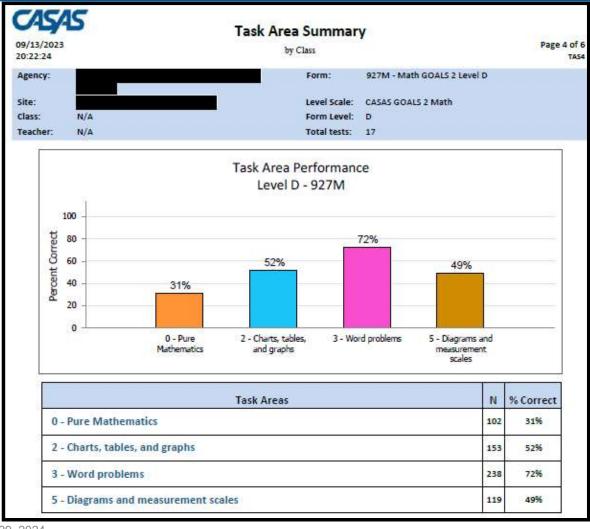
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Sample Math GOALS 2 Student Reports





CASAS Math GOALS 2 Task Area Summary Report



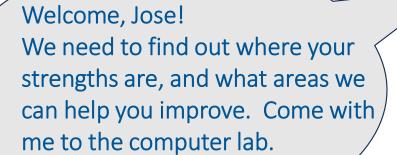
- ☐ By Class- 17 students took the Level D

 Assessment
- ☐ Indicates how the question was presented
- ☐ The "N" indicates how many questions of that Task type in all 17 tests combined.

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So How Should Programs Use These Reports?

She said I have to take a math test. I'm really nervous!





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Jose wants to get his GED, so we need to pre-test him with Math GOALS 2.
He's a new student, so Locator first!

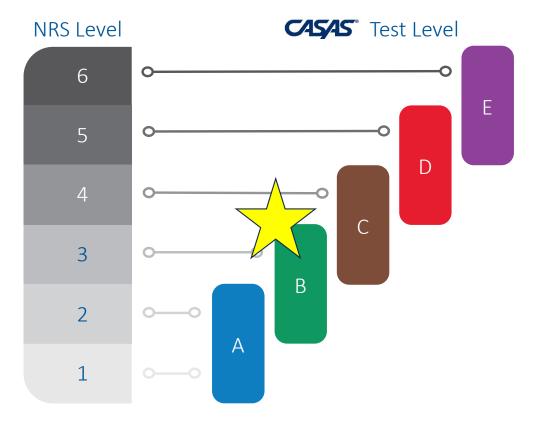




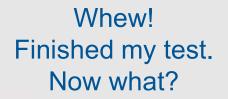
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I'll take a look at the results and when you come back tomorrow, I'll share how you did. The test will tell us where your strengths are and what skills we can help you work on.

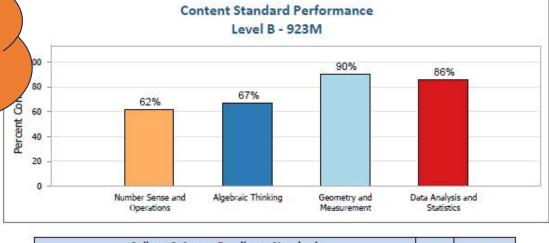
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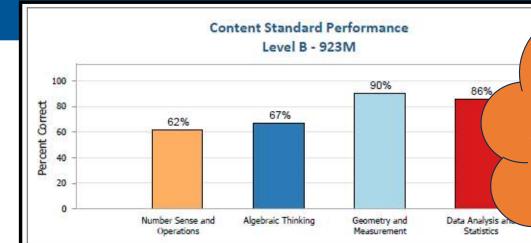




Oh boy... this looks different! How do I read this report? What does it mean for Jose's instruction?



College & Career Readiness Standards Math Content Areas	N	% Correct	
Number Sense and Operations Understand place value for whole numbers and decimals Compute using the four operations Perform operations with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions	13	62 %	
Algebraic Thinking Apply properties of the four operations Use a symbol to represent variables, and solve simple one-variable equations	6	67 %	
Geometry and Measurement Solve perimeter and area problems Measure with non-standard and metric units, and convert within a given measurement system Solve measurement word problems, including with time and volumes		90 %	
Data Analysis and Statistics Interpret simple data sets, bar graphs, line graphs, and histograms Solve one- and two-step problems using bar graphs Understand statistical variability concepts like center and spread	7	86 %	



Jose did well with "Details," but it looks like the other Content Areas could use some extra reinforcement.
So how do I help him?

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GREAT QUESTION!

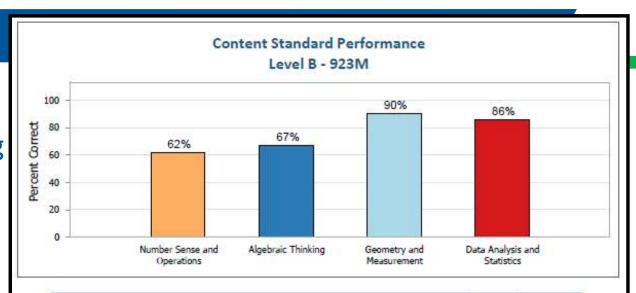
Use the report to help you decide:

- 1. What content/skill areas to **REVIEW** at the student's level.
- 2. What content/skill areas to **GO UP** a level during instruction.

CASAS recommends having a student continue to review at their level if the % correct is **70% or below**

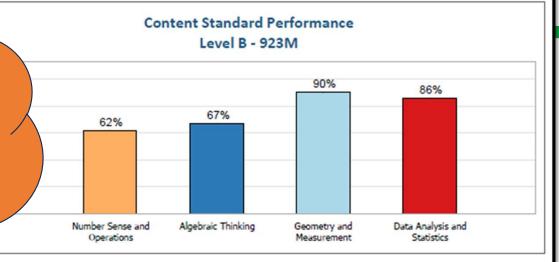
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OK. So, we'll keep reviewing
Algebraic Thinking and Number
Sense and Operations at NRS Levels
2 and 3, but let's start working on
Geometry and Measurement and
Data Analysis and stats at NRS 4.



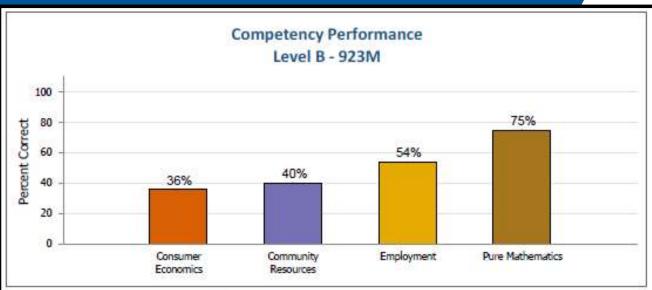
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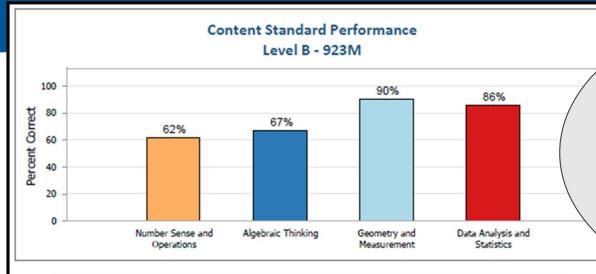


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Consumer Economics Use weights, measures, measurement scales, and money	14	
1.5 Apply principles of budgeting and management of money 1.9 Understand procedures for purchase and use of automobile	- 12	36%
Community Resources 3.3 Understand concepts of time and weather 4.6 Use leisure time resources and facilities 4.8 Interpret information about the educational system, from early childhood to post-secondary	5	40%
4. Employment 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, and employee organization 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace 4.7 Effectively manage workplace resources	13	54%
6. Pure Mathematics	4	75%



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OK. In my lessons, I'll keep working on topics in Number Sense and Operations and Algebraic Thinking at Level 2. But I can also start focusing on higher level concepts related to Geometry and Measurement and Data Analysis.

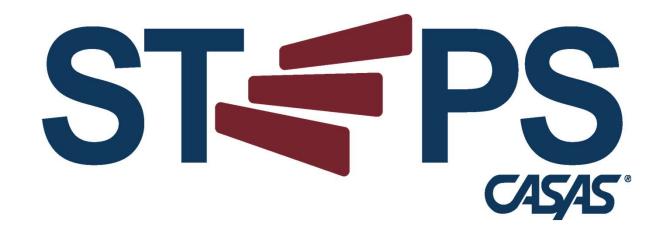


ACTIVITY: Using Reports for Student Instruction

- 1. With your group, choose a Math GOALS 2 Report (or more than one if you wish!) and identify, then analyze an area your **student** needs to work on.
- 2. Identify what CCR Standard(s) you will work on, and at what NRS level. Use the PowerPoint slides as a guide.
- 3. Sketch out a math lesson or activity that you could use to help your student increase their mastery of the standard(s) you identified.
- 4. Share out!
 - Which report(s) did you choose to analyze?
 - Why did you choose the standards you did?
 - What task areas will you incorporate?
 - What materials will you need to support this activity?

STEPS:

Reading and Listening Assessments for ESL



Student Test of English Progress and Success

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Listening STEPS

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Life and Work Reading

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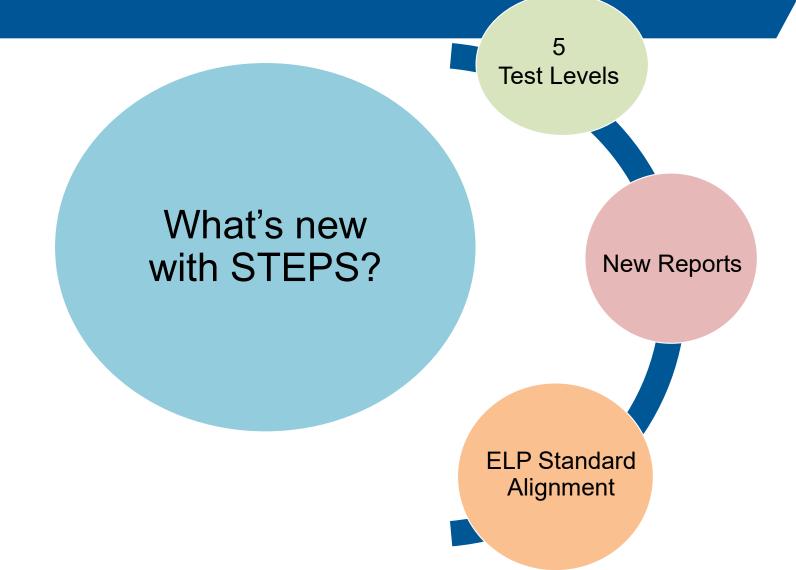
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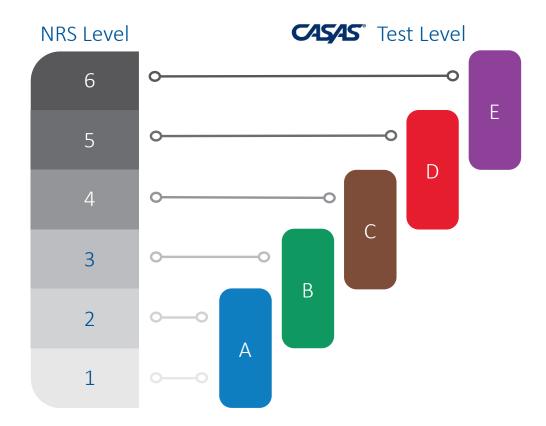
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Reading STEPS Test Specifics



Correlates to the English Language Proficiency Standards and to the CASAS Competencies.

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В	Forms 623R - 624R	36	50 minutes	184 - 206
С	Forms 625R - 626R	36	75 minutes	197 - 216
D	Forms 627R - 628R	36	75 minutes	207 - 227
Е	Forms 629R - 630R	36	75 minutes	217 - 251

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No; pre-and post testing must always occur with in the same series for test reliability.

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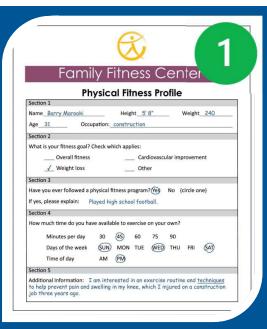
What if they get an asterisk score on Level A?

Place them in a low-level class for up to 12 hours of instruction before retesting.

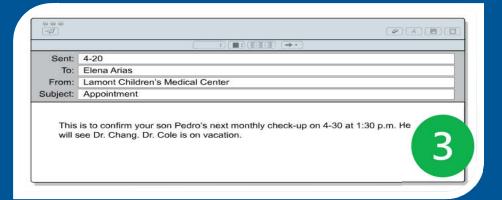
NOTE: LEVEL A TEST BOOKLETS CAN BE USED AS A CONSUMABLE!

What about a diamond (♠) scores?

Conservative estimate scores may be used for pre- and post-testing. Retesting is not required. Some programs may wish to retest students at the next test level to see if they might score higher.







CASAS Task Areas

Date:



TASK AREAS:

- 0 General
- 1 Forms
- 2 Charts, Tables, Graphs
- 3 Texts, emails, articles, narratives
- 4 Signs, ads, and labels
- 5 Diagrams and measurement scales

Listening STEPS Test Specifics

Correlates to the English Language Proficiency Standards and to the CASAS Competencies.

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D	Forms 627L - 628L	39	56 minutes	202 - 221
E	Forms 629L - 630L	39	38 minutes	212 - 235

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Listening STEPS FAQs



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What if I pre-tested my students with Life and Work Listening? Can I post-test with Listening STEPS?

No; pre-and post testing must always occur with in the same series for test reliability.

How is Listening STEPS structured?

Three test item types: photo prompts, comprehension questions, and next-response questions. Level A requires a booklet; Levels B – E do not. For paper testing, audio is delivered via CD.

What does an asterisk (*) score mean?

This means that the student scored at the inaccurate range. It can't be reported to NRS, and the student should be tested in the next lower test form.

What if they get an asterisk score on Level A?

Place them in a low level class for up to 12 hours of instruction before retesting.

What about a diamond (♠) scores?

Pretest: CASAS recommends but does not require testing at a higher level. The score is NRS-reportable. If on a post-test, student can be retested at next highest level.



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English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS)

https://lincs.ed.gov/publications/pdf/elp-standards-adult-ed.pdf

English Language Proficiency Standards



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR ADULT EDUCATION

With Correspondences to College and Career Readiness Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy, and Mathematical and Science Practices

October 2016





The ELP Standards address the skills of the four areas of language acquisition (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as well as the linguistic features of the English language.

- □<u>Interpretive</u> refers to the learner's ability to process, understand, interpret, or engage with level-appropriate literary and <u>informational</u> written and spoken text <u>to construct meaning</u>
- □ <u>Productive</u> refers to the learner's ability to <u>produce</u> level-appropriate <u>written and spoken</u> text such that it meaningfully transmits meaning.
- □<u>Interactive</u> refers to the learner's ability to process and produce level-appropriate written and spoken text <u>interactively with the purpose of understanding, interpreting, engaging in, and transmitting meaning</u>.



Table 4: English Language Proficiency Standards for Adult Education

ELP Anchor Standard 1	An ELL can construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through level appropriate listening, reading and viewing.
ELP Anchor Standard 2	An ELL can participate in level appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas and analyses, in various social and academic contexts, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.
ELP Anchor Standard 3	An ELL can speak and write about level-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.
ELP Anchor Standard 4	An ELL can construct level-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.
ELP Anchor Standard 5	An ELL can conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.



ELP Anchor Standard 6	An ELL can analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.
ELP Anchor Standard 7	An ELL can adapt language choices to purpose, task and audience when speaking and writing.
ELP Anchor Standard 8	An ELL can determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.
ELP Anchor Standard 9	An ELL can create clear and coherent level-appropriate speech and text.
ELP Anchor Standard 10	An ELL can demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English to communicate in level-appropriate speech and writing.



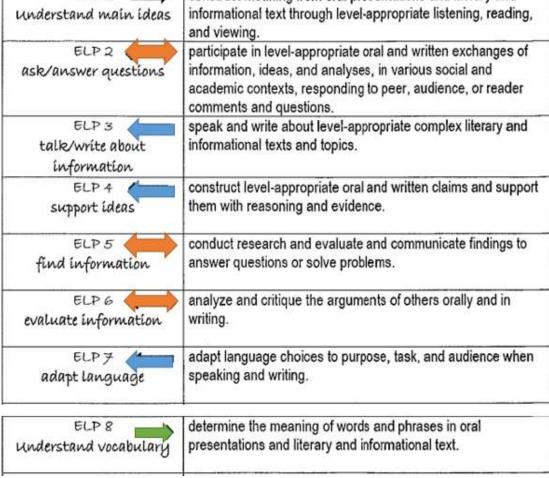
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Figure 3. English Language Proficiency Standard 1 and Level 1-5 Descriptors

ELP Standard 1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
An ELL can construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through level-	By the end of English language proficiency level 1, an ELL can use a very limited set of strategies to: • identify a few key words and phrases in oral communicatio ns and simple spoken and written texts.	By the end of English language proficiency level 2, an ELL can use an emerging	By the end of English language proficiency level 3, an ELL can use a developing set of strategies to: • determine a central idea or theme in oral presentations and spoken and written texts • retell key details • answer questions about key details • explain how the theme is developed by specific details in texts • summarize part of a text.	By the end of English language proficiency level 4, an ELL can use an increasing	By the end of English language proficiency level 5, an ELL can use a wide range of strategies to: determine central ideas or themes in oral presentations and spoken and written texts analyze the development of the themes/ideas cite specific details and evidence from texts to support the analysis summarize a text.

English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPs) Explained by Kathryn Powell, Harper College

receptive skills productive skills interactive skills linguistic structures An ELL can... ELP 1 construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through level-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.





New Reports for STEPS Series

STEPS: Strengths of the New Test Series Reading and Listening Assessments for ESL

- More simplified reporting in TE
- TE menu organized by test series
- Fewer, more directed suggestions related to CASAS Competencies, CCRS, ELPS



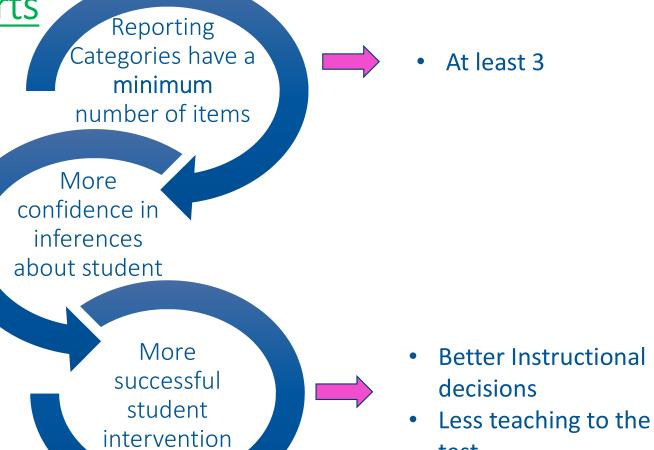
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Benefit of New Reports

 Better identification of strengths and weaknesses



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Skill Reports





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Content Standard Report

Student

Class

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Competency Report

Student

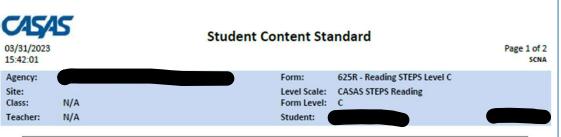
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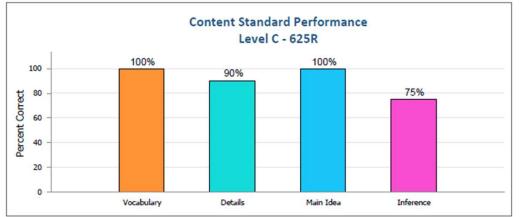
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Task Area Report

Student

Class

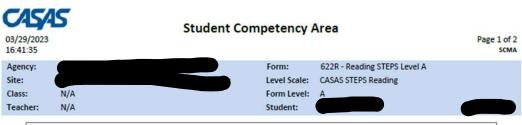


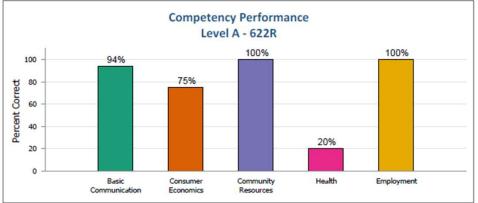


Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Vocabulary Understand high-frequency words Understand academic vocabulary	8	6	100 %
Details Retell key details	1	21	90 %
Main Idea Identify the main topic Identify an author's purpose	1	5	100 %
Inference Infer/Draw conclusions	1	4	75 %



New ELP/NRS Content Standard Report – Reading STEPS



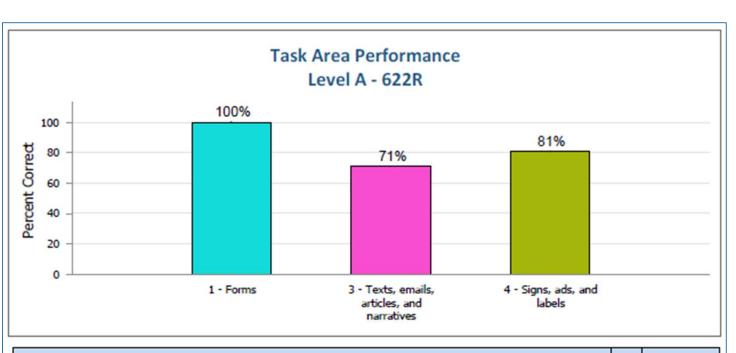


Competency Areas	N	% Correct
Basic Communication O.1 Communicate in interpersonal interactions O.2 Communicate regarding personal information	16	94%
Consumer Economics 1.1 Use weights, measures, measurement scales, and money 1.2 Apply principles of comparison shopping for goods & services	4	75%
Community Resources 2.2 Understand how to locate and use transportation 3.3 Understand concepts of time and weather	5	100%
3. Health 3.1 Understand how to access and utilize the health care system 3.2 Understand medical and dental forms and related information	5	20%
4. Employment 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	3	100%



New CASAS Competency Report – Reading STEPS





Task Areas	N	% Correct
1 - Forms	5	100%
3 - Texts, emails, articles, and narratives	7	71%
4 - Signs, ads, and labels	21	81%

New Task Area Performance Report

Reading STEPS



Student

Teacher

She said I have to take a test. I'm really nervous!



Welcome, Jose!

We need to find out where your strengths are, and what areas we can help you improve. Come with me to the computer lab.





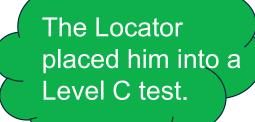
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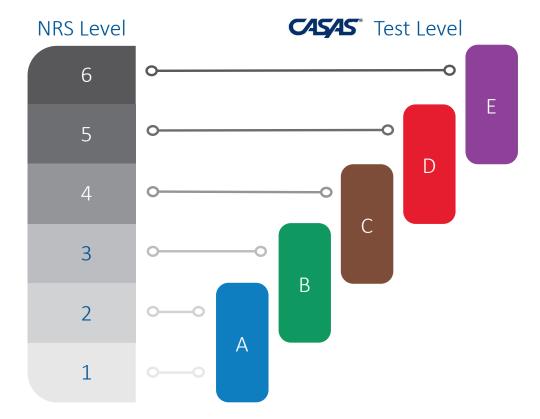


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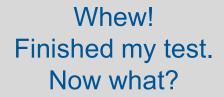


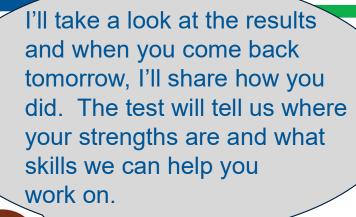


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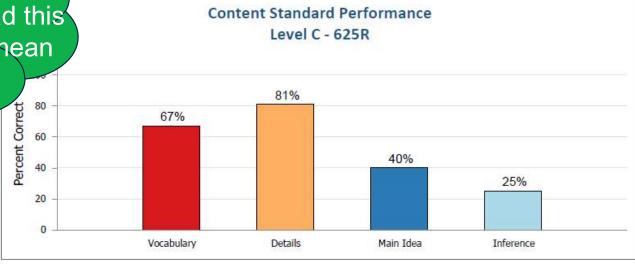








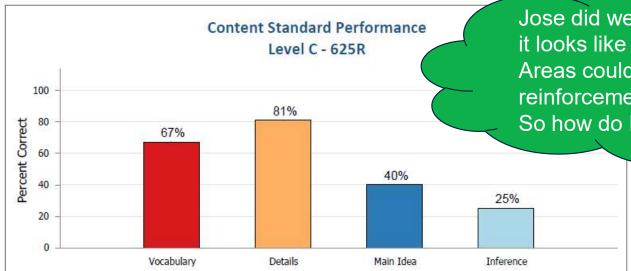
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Jose did well with "Details," but it looks like the other Content Areas could use some extra reinforcement.
So how do I help him?



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GREAT QUESTION!

Use the report to help you decide:

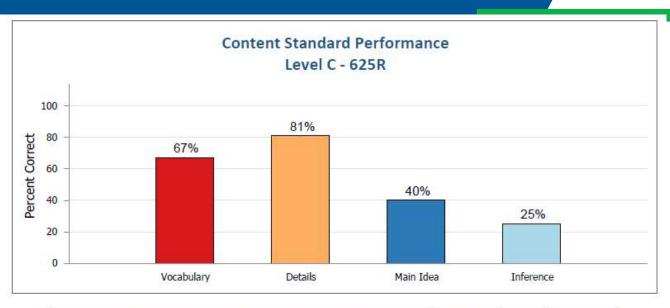
- 1. What content/skill areas to **REVIEW** at the student's level.
- 2. What content/skill areas to **GO UP** a level during instruction.



CASAS recommends having a student continue to review at their level if the % correct is **70% or below**

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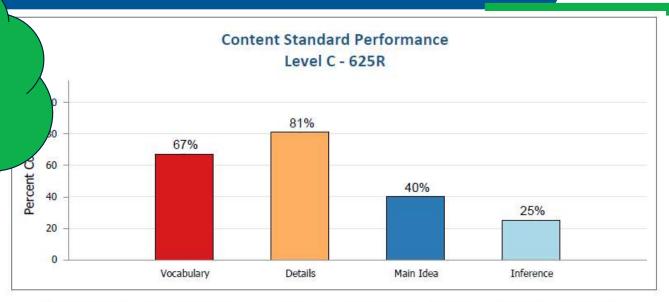
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Got it.
So, I'll have Jose review
Vocabulary, Main idea
concepts, and Inferences at
NRS 3.

But let's start **practicing reading texts** and **retelling key details** at NRS 4.





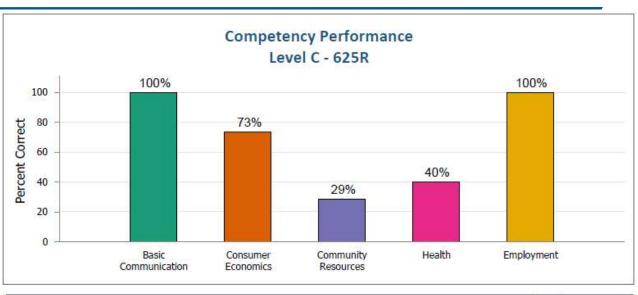
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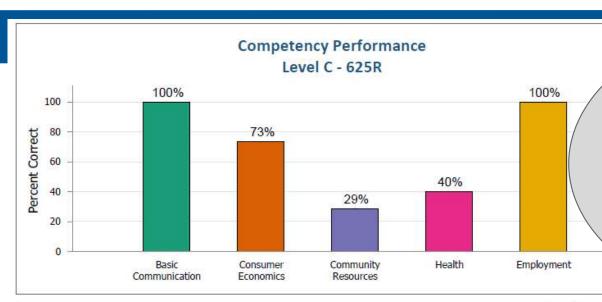
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Competency Areas	N	% Correct
Basic Communication Communicate in interpersonal interactions	4	100%
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Community Resources 1.7 Understand aspects of society and culture 2.8 Interpret information about the educational system, from early childhood to post-secondary	7	29%
3. Health 3.1 Understand how to access and utilize the health care system 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	5	40%
4. Employment 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, and employee organization 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	5	100%







OK. In my lessons, I'll keep working on vocabulary and topics in Community Resources and Health at NRS 3. But I can also start focusing on higher level vocabulary and syntax related to Basic Communication, Consumer Economics, and Employment at NRS 4.

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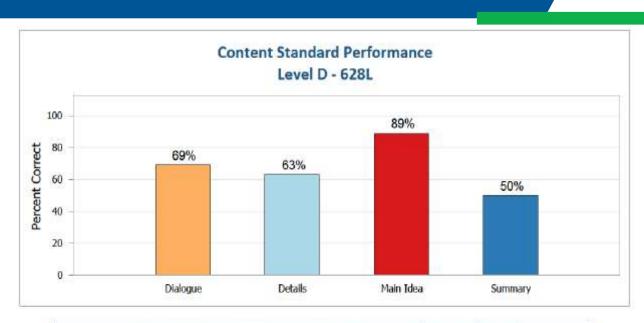


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English Language Proficiency Standards Listening Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	16	69 %
Details Retell key details	1	8	63 %
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	9	89 %
Summary Summarize	1	6	50 %

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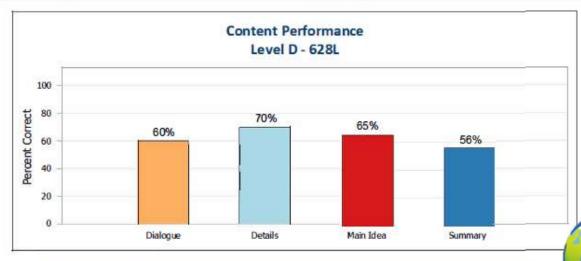


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Content Area Summary

by Class





English Language Proficiency Standards Listening Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	400	60%
Details Retell key details	1	200	70%
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	225	65 %
Summary September 14, 2023	1	150	56 %

You're the teacher!
What kinds of
lessons/activities
would you plan for
this class?

ACTIVITY: Using Reports for Student Instruction



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- 1. Before meeting, generate a variety of reports by both student and class.
- 2. With your group, choose a Reading STEPS, Listening STEPS, or Math GOALS 2 Report (or one for each if you wish!) and identify, then analyze an area your student needs to work on. (If you are not yet using these series, you can generate reports from the Rolling Hills Database)
- 3. Identify what standard(s) you will work on, and at what level. Use the PowerPoint slides as a guide.
- 4. Sketch out an activity that you could use to help your student increase their mastery of those skills/standards.
- 5. Share out!
 - Which report(s) did you choose to analyze?
 - Why did you choose the standards you did?
 - What task areas will you incorporate?
 - What materials will you need to support this activity?





So what does this mean for your program and instruction?

IT IS **CRUCIAL** THAT CLASSROOM TEACHERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE REPORTS! SHARE THEM! MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND HOW TO READ THEM! Share at staff meetings, PD sessions, etc.

ELP standards must be an integral part of curriculum at all levels



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